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For: HCV E2 PROTEIN BINDING AGENTS FOR TREATMENT OF
HEPATITIS C VIRUS INFECTION

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SIR:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 25, 2000
COMMUNICATION AND NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH
REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Communication and Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 25, 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A copy of the Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. A response to the February 25, 2000 Notice to Comply was due on March 25, 2000. However, since March 25, 2000 was a Saturday, a response filed on the next business day is to be considered timely. A response filed on Monday, March 27, 2000 is to be considered timely. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend above-identified application as follows: